

Senate Resolution 701

By: Senators James of the 35th, Karinshak of the 48th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Yoruba Tribe and recognizing February 6, 2020, as Yoruba Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Yoruba Tribe is one of the largest African ethnic groups south of the Sahara
4 Desert, predominantly located in South Western Nigeria and constituting about forty-five
5 million people in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Yoruba people live around the world, including places like Brazil, Cuba,
7 Portuguese countries, Canada, and the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, the Yoruba tribe makes a huge impact through community service and
9 economic influence in the State of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the idea of the Yoruba Day Festival in Georgia was created in January 2020
11 through the collaborative efforts of the Office of Oriade of Georgia, Oba Shola Akinrimisi,
12 Egbe Omo Yoruba Greater Atlanta, JilTech International, and Representative Valencia
13 Stovall; and

14 WHEREAS, the Yoruba Day Festival will harness unity and appreciation between the
15 African diaspora and African Americans while exposing Georgians to the unique rich culture
16 and traditions of the Yoruba people exhibited through fashion, dance, music, poetry, artifacts,
17 storytelling, and food tasting; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the cultural importance of the remarkable
19 Yoruba people be recognized appropriately.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend the Yoruba Tribe and recognize February 6, 2020, as Yoruba Day at the state
22 capitol.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
25 press.